Light House Mission Terre Haute Ind.

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Fifteenth Annual Report of The Light House Mission

119 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana

March 1, 1911

Benj. E. Stahl, Superintendent

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF Light House Mission FROM MARCH 1, 1910, *to* MARCH 1, 1911

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OUR NEW HOME—119 OHIO STREET

Built of brick and stone with a seating capacity of 250; primary rooms; office for the superintendent; clothes room; free tub and shower baths and kitchen. Also large assembly room in the basement—cement floors

BENJ. E. STAHL
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TEACHING CHILDREN TO MAKE THEIR OWN GARMENTS

Under direction of Mrs. Charles Slusser, assisted by Mrs. Mary Everett and Miss Mabel Adair
After garment is completed they are given to the child making them

DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS

For the past two years under the direction of Miss Annette Finley of the Y. W. C. A.

AN ANNUAL CUSTOM

Delivering Thanksgiving dinners to the poor and aged

WILLIAM SIBSON

A BRAND PLUCKED FROM THE BURNING

"It is my purpose to tell briefly what the Light House Mission has done for me. My young manhood was spent under the most pleasant environments, and I had every advantage that a young man might desire to make life a success; a good position, and in fact, prospects for a bright future. Alas, the dark hour came and all I held near and dear were sacrificed, that the awful appetite for drink might be satisfied. I became a helpless, hopeless booze fighter, from the saloon to the lowest brothel, from the Pullman coach to the cattle car. Utterly hopeless, I had made up my mind to end my miserable existence. I had just arrived from Evansville on a freight train and it was at this crisis when the

spirit of God directed me to the Mission. When I heard the redeemed men testify that God had saved them and broken chains similar to mine, then one of the workers in the Mission, I believe it was August Gruenholz, came and pleaded with me to give my heart to the Saviour. That dark night, a poor helpless drunkard, I bowed at Jesus' feet and raised the cry that never fails to bring relief, "God be merciful to me, a sinner," and since that night I have never had a desire for a drink. The superintendent, Mr. Stahl, secured me a position with the Water Company and helped me on my feet, and the first time in eight years I wrote home to my family. They had thought me dead, and I was ashamed to let them know how low I had fallen. Now, after many months of a clean, sober life, I am leaving Terre Haute for my home in Ohio, carrying with me a letter from one of the leading churches of the city to my former church in Ohio. I am working at a position that pays almost $1,000.00 a year and every two months you will receive from me a donation to be used in helping to save the poor fellow who needs help. I trust that all who may read this story will do what they can to support such a work as the Light House Mission in helping to save some mother's boy.

Respectfully, WILLIAM SIBSON."

OUR WEAKER SISTER

MANY interesting cases have come under the notice of the Mission Workers. Several girls, some of them just out of jail, have been cared for, and in some cases they have been furnished with car fare and sent back to their homes. Others, strangers in the city, have been cared for until they could provide for themselves.

I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat,
I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink:
I was a stranger, and ye took me in;
Naked, and ye clothed me;
I was sick, and ye visited me;
I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
—Matt. 25: 35-36.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of
the least of these my brethren,
Ye have done it unto me."
—Matt. 25:40.

RELIGIOUS

IN the religious work of the Mission, we have no creed but Christ; no law but love. Our doors are open to all that are in need; to the Jew and the Gentile; to the colored and the white; to the catholic and the protestant; all find a hearty welcome extended to them.

FOOD

WE believe we can preach the Gospel to a man or woman, far better when they have had something to eat. We never turn anyone away without trying to help them.

CLOTHES

THROUGH the kindness of many of the people of Terre Haute, we have been able to start a clothes room at the Mission. With this important factor in our work, we have been able to reach many of the poor people.

Our clothes are given out just as they come in, "without money and without price." There are many men, women, boys and girls, that have to face the bitter cold days and nights of winter without underclothing, or a sufficient amount of other clothing to keep them warm. Send us your cast-off clothing, they will come in very handy and make some poor people happy.

FURNITURE

WE can use all kinds of furniture. In some of the homes into which we go, there is nothing that looks like furniture.

BATHS

Free tub and shower baths at all times.

HELP FURNISHED

Call us up when you need the services of a man or woman:

NEW PHONE 1520

BELL PHONE 652

MODERN MIRACLES

PERFORMED AT THE MISSION

"I arrived in Terre Haute, December 10, with fifteen cents in my pocket, tried to find work but could not. Having no place to sleep, I applied at the police station and was given an order for a bed at the jail. As this was Saturday night, I was kept in jail until Monday and taken to the city court and was sent back down to jail for fifteen days. On Sunday the Mission workers came and held a service and on my release I applied to the superintendent and was cared for until a position was found, and today I am working in one of the factories of the city and living a Christian life. I am a native of Denmark and expect to return home to my old mother as soon as I earn enough money to make the trip.

Sincerely yours,

"VICTOR A. KJELDSEN."

"Last summer, while conducting services in Tent Immanuel a lady knelt at the Altar and accepted the Saviour, later we found out she was the mother of two little girls and was divorced from her husband. A few weeks ago a man who proved to be her former husband, came to the Mission and confessed his sins and the Lord heard him, and I had the honor of again joining them together as man and wife." Thank God for a religion that will mend broken homes.

BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

DOES IT PAY

WE submit this to the philanthropist and business man and ask this question. The following is a summary of the past year and we leave you to answer:

Regular services held in Mission and in Tent Immanuel last summer	217
Total attendance to these services	25,604
Average attendance at these services	118
Services held in the county jail—Men's department	48
Services held in the county jail—Women's dep'm't	48
Bible classes and prayer meetings	44
Sunday School services	51
Number of funerals conducted	15
Total number of services conducted	423
Number of professed conversions	165
Visitations and calls among the sick and poor	733
Men and women furnished with employment	64
Flowers furnished to children on Easter Sunday	115

964 mothers and children taken out into the country, July 14.

Under the auspices of the Mission, through the Santa Claus Association, over 1,000 children were given a Christmas present at Christmas time.

Many families provided free with shoes, clothing and provisions throughout the year and seventy-eight baskets of provisions sent out on Thanksgiving day.

Several poor families provided with coal during the winter.

Attended 140 sessions of the police court; secured the release of thirteen men and two girls and helped them to friends and positions.

The Sunday School with an average attendance of eighty.

A large sewing class where little girls are taught to sew has been maintained, as also a domestic science class.

The free tub and shower baths have proved a blessing to many.

Held eight week's special revival services for three of the city churches; three weeks at the Montrose Methodist Church, three weeks at the Plymouth Congregational Church, and two weeks at the Bethany Congregational Church of West Terre Haute. Filled the various pulpits in Terre Haute on fifteen Sundays in the absence of the pastor, and was called out of the city eight times for other churches. In these special services held in the churches about seventy-five professed conversions and about thirty-five united with the church.

THE entire annual expense of conducting this work is less than fifteen hundred ($1,500.00) dollars. Kindly re-read the above report, and consider the amount of service that is rendered by the superintendent, his wife, and their corps of assistants for twelve months. Is there any organization—religious, or otherwise—who can show such large results with the same expenditure.

THERE is no one, when this work is presented to them, but will gladly do their share; yet, under the pressure of their daily care are unable to spend the time. What a blessing then that by your contributions you can know that there is an agency, well organized and equipped to take your place in this work and use your contributions to the very best advantage.

RECOGNITION

THERE are many to whom we wish to extend our sincere thanks for their help and co-operation in the different departments of our work: First to the loyal band of workers in the Mission and Sunday School and Bible Class and Santa Claus Association, also to the Pastors and speakers, city and county officials, the Elks, newspapers, and last, but not least, the citizens of Terre Haute, who have so kindly supported the work, and especially the members of the Plymouth Congregational Church, who, while having one of the smallest congregations in the city, have contributed over $300.00 to the Mission during the past two years.

OUR NEEDS

YOUR continued support, and new friends, that the work may branch out to the betterment of mankind.

AN INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC

GET better acquainted with the work of the Light House Mission by paying us a visit. Some one at the Mission, or within call, at all times.

Services—Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:45 P. M.

Sunday School, 2:30 P. M.

L. F. Perdue League for Boy's, Monday evenings, 7:30 P. M.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by;
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong.
Wise, foolish—so am I;
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
And be a friend of man.

—SAM WALTER FOSS.

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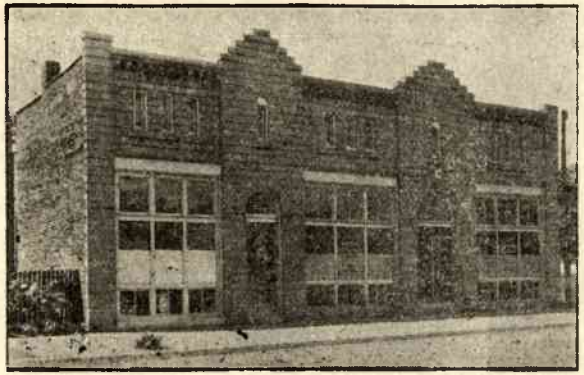

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In consideration of the payment of Five Dollars has this day qualified and is elected a member of the

One-of-a-Thousand-Club

whose sole object is to pay off the building debt and maintain the work of the Terre Haute

Light House Mission

*Dated this*_____*day of*_____*193*____

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_____TREASURER
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SIGNED

_____PRESIDENT
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Light House Mission of Terre Haute

"Help Us To Help Others"

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Turner, Superintendent

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

HEADQUARTERS: 119 Ohio Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

BRIEF HISTORY: The Light House Mission has grown from early beginnings when a group of young people from the Society of Christian Endeavor of a local church established and operated a "West Side Sunday School". This developed into a rescue mission. The first service of the Light House Mission, as such, was held on December 14, 1890. It was incorporated on January 12, 1939, under "The Indiana General Not For Profit Corporation Act" of March 7, 1935. It has served the community for these many years.

SERVICES: The Light House Mission offers many and varied services to needy families and to transient men. The religious and material needs of these people are ministered to by the Mission. As local families establish a need, not being met by other agencies in the community, the Mission provides such material aid as its resources permit. Group activities for under privileged children and young people are offered. Supper, a nights lodging and breakfast are provided to transient men. Otherwise, these men would be forced to beg from door to door and to sleep in the jail or out of doors.

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Chiefly from the United Fund of Terre Haute and Vigo County.
Gifts from individuals and business concerns.
Offerings received at public services of the Mission.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES: Transient men needing food and shelter for the night are eligible, up to the limit of the Mission's bed capacity. Families who establish need are eligible to receive such aid as the Mission can provide.

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Motorcyclists shed image stereotypes to help needy children find happiness

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By SUE LOUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Motorcycles, leather jackets, long hair and...toys???

The event was a "Toy Run" for the Lighthouse Mission sponsored by A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education, a motorcycle lobby organization.

From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, ABATE members from throughout Indiana were in the city to deposit toys into two army trucks lodged in front of Woolco Department Store at Riverside Plaza.

By 3 p.m., ABATE had gathered 1½ truckloads for Lighthouse Mission, which will clean, repair and donate the toys to needy children on Christmas Eve. A group of about 50 bikers had gathered at the scene.

"They contacted me out of the clear, blue sky," Rev. Anthony Walden, Lighthouse director, said. "The Mission is very grateful."

The community drive for Christmas toys will begin Dec. 1.

ABATE conducted the toy run to help needy children — and to shake its stereotyped image as violent thugs.

"We want to dispel the myth that bikers are out to cause trouble, rape and kill," said Bill White, one of the Region 6 directors. "We're just ordinary people with a different lifestyle."

He believes that people make false judgments based on Hollywood movies. "I won't say that it (violence) doesn't happen, but it's just a small minority who do it."

Region 6 comprises 10 counties in West Central Indiana, including Vigo, Vermillion and Sullivan. Locally, ABATE has about 250 members. Statewide the membership climbs to 2,500.

The lobbyist group favors motorcycle education rather than legislation, according to Dan Burris, also a director.

The ABATE directors say that most traffic fatalities involve bikers who have been riding less than a year.

By 3:30, their charity work completed, several of the bikers hopped on their 'cycles and wheeled off into the wind.

And a party.

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ISU Students To Aid Mission Fund Raising

Light House Mission

Five students from an advertising class at Indiana State University will assist the Light House Mission in a fund raising campaign with a $10,000 goal to help provide the mission's annual budget of $67,000.

Details of the plan were announced by the Rev. John Willock, mission executive director, and the students at a press conference Friday morning at the mission, 1200 Eagle St.

Students are Pat Mills, Bob Heaton, Sharon Thompson, Marlyn McDaniel and Dana Wiley. Mills explained there will be a roadblock at three locations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Members of fraternities and sororities will be stationed at Seventh and Poplar streets, Third Street near the Vigo Courthouse and in the Honey Creek Square area to ask for funds.

There will be also a direct mail campaign with a letter and brochure sent to about 3,000 persons. Mills explained the brochure will be designed by the group and printed by pupils at Terre Haute South Vigo High School under direction of Robert Davidson. Paper and envelopes have been donated. Cannisters for contributions will be placed at various businesses and there will be various public service announcements prepared for the news media.

Willock said about $23,000 of the budget is realized from the mission store; about $12,000 from program fees and there is $16,000 already pledged. He said when the mission withdrew from the Wabash Valley United Way, it was thought contributions would make up the budget difference. However, there is still a gap and the present campaign was needed to make up the difference.

The director noted the mission serves transients with food, shelter, gas and oil assistance and emergency medicine assistance; provides for the community's needy; manages five halfway houses for the "therapeutic community"and offers personal counseling, job training through the mission store, job placement through community programs and serves as a "contract community treatment center for the federal prison system."

Goals include building of two all-purpose buildings and development of new services, namely, a jail visitation program and extended family shelter program, according to the fact sheet for the mission.

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Light House Mission Church To Recycle Parcels Of Land

The Light House Mission Church is taking over 13 vacant parcels up for sale as part of the city's Demolition Site Recovery Program.

Mission residents will clean and maintain the lots, near 15th Street and Washington Avenue, as therapy, according to Richard Byers, mission board vice president. Next summer, he said gardens will be planted on some of the sites to help feed the residents.

The mission houses and feeds about 50 homeless and unemployed people, he said.

Mayor Pete Chalos estimated that the city will save $2,000 in initial clean-up costs and $500 a year in maintenance from the mission's work on the lots.

According to Byers, clean-up will begin as soon as the mission gets the deeds.

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Lighthouse Mission Buys House and Land

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By PAT BARNES
Tribune Staff Writer

Rev. John Willock, executive director of the Lighthouse Mission, Thursday announced that the mission has acquired a parcel of land in Vigo County that will accommodate new recreation facilities and work training programs.

Rev. Willock said the 3.8 acre tract of land consisting of a four-bedroom dwelling, four outbuildings and a two-car garage was purchased from William Wardlow, RR 21, for a price of $37,500.

Through the efforts and a contribution of $7,500 by Wardlow the mission was able to purchase the home and land.

The property, located one-half mile east of dead man's curve on Ind. Hwy. 63, south of Terre Haute, has been a 10-year dream of the director.

Immediate plans call for converting the out buildings into recreation facilities and renovating them to house the work training programs sponsored by the Mission.

The director said the Mission plans to convert a portion of land into a garden to supplement food items.

The dwelling will serve as a parsonage for Rev. Willock and his family.

A fire on April 14, in which a part of the Mission complex was destroyed attributed greatly toward a decision to seek additional facilities, Rev. Willock said.

The fire at 213 N. 12th St., did an estimated $4,500 in damage. That structure housed Mission workers, Mrs. Fay Dreher, housemother; her son, John, and Tom Klein, and the mission's laundry facilities.

Rev. Willock said the insurance on the structure will not nearly cover the losses. He is hopeful that donated labor will make the necessary repairs.

Rev. Willock said that some persons might question how a United Way Agency could afford to purchase a home and nearly four acres of land.

"With the new facilities the Mission will be able to handle about 36 persons under terms of a rehabilitation program. This program provides an income to the Mission and therefore we will be able to meet the mortgage payments. The expanded program, due to new quarters, will provide the needed additional revenue," Willock said.

Rev. Willock said that during the fire the Mission's laundry facilities, stove and refrigerator were destroyed.

In an effort to lend a hand, the Greater Kiwanis Club of Terre Haute donated a washer and dryer. The mission still needs a stove and refrigerator.

Since the fire, Rev. Willock said the Mission has only one room to accommodate transients or families who have lost their homes or have been evicted.

The present parsonage will be converted into a Freedom House and night office space for transients.

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KIWANIS GIFT — A new truck for the Light House Mission, a gift from the Kiwanis Club of Terre Haute, was presented this week to the Rev. John Willock of the Mission, right, receiving the keys from Dick Becker, center, president of the club, and Robert Mardis, new project chairman of the club. The presentation was made during activities at the Sheraton Inn. House of Photography Photo

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REV. JOHN WILLOCK is shown accepting the keys from George Rogers, president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Terre Haute. The car was donated by the club to the Light House Mission. Also at the presentation were John Tipton and Orville Jones.

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OFFICIALLY OPENED — The Light House Mission Thursday officially opened a store at 1124 Eagle St., offering clothing, toys, appliances and miscellaneous items. Taking part in the opening ceremonies were from left, the Rev. John Willock, executive director of the mission; Tom Arndt; Carol Winn, assistant store sorter; Louis Deos, industrial supervisor, and Gladys Elkins, store sorter. The store will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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BUNDLE AND SAVE — The Light House Mission and the Cub Scouts in greater Terre Haute are planning an area-wide paper drive. Proceeds will go to support those ministries of the Light House Mission not funded by the United Way and to the Cub Scout program. The date for the actual collection will be announced later. In the meantime, all citizens are asked to bundle and save their newspaper for the drive. Getting off to a start on the drive Wednesday were members of Cub Pack 72 from West Vigo—Chris Price, Trent Fortner, David Barter and Mark Gossage.

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Light House Mission to Mark Debt Retirement Next Sunday

T. H. STAR SEP 3, 1946

The Rev. William Seath, D. D., superintendent of the Chicago Christian Industrial League, will conduct a series of special services Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Light House Mission, 119 Ohio Street. Services will open at 7:30 o'clock each evening.

At 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon there will be a special service at which the mortgage of the mission will be burned. The Rev. Mr. Seath also will be the principal speaker at this service. Funds with which to pay off the mortgage were obtained by free-will offerings presented by the congregations of the churches of Terre Haute.

This movement was initiated by the Rev. Thomas J. Bennett, pastor of the Central Christian Church and president of the Light House Mission board. The Rev. Mr. Bennett, the Rev. Samuel E. Carruth and the Rev. John W. Goodpasture, also members of the board, presented the movement to the Ministerial Association.

The Light House Mission was established on Dec. 14, 1890, by a small group of young people from the First Congregational Church, led by L. F. Perdue. The first service was held in what was then known as the Clark House at First and Ohio streets.

In the year of 1895 the work was turned over to the ministers of the city and a more permanent organization effected. Miss Mary McComb was the first superintendent of the mission. Charles M. Slusser became superintendent and served until 1939 when the Rev. D. J. Perry became superintendent. The Rev. Perry served until 1944 when the present superintendent, J. T. Voight, became superintendent.

REV. WILLIAM SEATH.

For some time services were held in the basement of the Court House until the present building at 119 Ohio Street was completed and dedicated Nov. 24, 1908. Captain and Mrs. B. E. Stahl were in charge at this time.

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Project Involvement

The Terre Haute Jaycees, in cooperation with the Light House Mission, has announced **"Project Involvement."**

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In January of 1972 the Light House Mission will assume the responsibility from the United Fund to distribute money to the people in our community for such emergency items as utility bills, coal, gas, and medical costs. In **"Porject Involvement"** the Terre Haute Jaycees will assist the mission in gathering information from families that may be in need of these services.

Herb Sison, project chairman, said, "We want to encourage all families that feel they might need these services to call the mission so that they will be eligible for assistance." All families wanting to be eligible for these services are asked to call the mission at 232-3562. The Jaycees will visit each request and obtain the necessary information that will be kept confidential.

Rev. John Willock, Executive Director of the Light House Mission, concluded, "I am very grateful for the involvement of the Terre Haute Jaycees in this project. Since this information must be obtained before emergency aid can be given it is important for families that might need this help to call at this time. The Jaycees are providing a valuable service in obtaining this information during October, November, and December. Recipients for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets will be taken from these files.

Jaycee officers; Jack Schmidt, president, Dave Keonig, vice-president, and John Purcell, external director, expressed their support of this project.

The money to pay for these emergency services comes from the United Fund Drive. The community is urged to join in this project by giving their fair share to the United Fund Drive. Without this help a family could go without heat this winter or a baby could go without needed medicine.

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Charities (W.V.)

ACCEPTS NEW AUTOMOBILE—Rev. John Willock, second from left in front row, executive director of the Light House Mission, is shown accepting the keys to an automobile. The station wagon was donated to the organization by members of the Terre Haute Breakfast Optimist Club. Taking part in the ceremonies were, from left: John Dreher, coordinator of the Freedom House; Rev. Willock and Harry Edwards, president of the Breakfast Optimist Club. House of Photography Photo.

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Wednesday, October 13, 1971 Charities (W. V.) THE INDIANA STATESMAN

Jacob's Well will open with Icthys

Jacob's Well, a coffeehouse sponsored by the Light House Mission, will be opening Oct. 14 from 2-10 p.m. at 6th and Locust Sts., according to Smokey Withrow, manager of the Well.

A gospel rock group known as Icthys from Prairie Creek is scheduled for the opening night, starting at 6 p.m., said Withdrow. He added that the coffeehouse intended to have gospel rock entertainment every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. "When we can't get an organized group, some of the kids from the Freedom House will get together and jam," said Withrow.

According to Withrow, the purpose of the coffeehouse is three-fold: "We want to provide an alternative to the type of entertainment available in Terre Haute. Secondly, we would like to shoot down the image of the dour Christian, who never seems to have any fun. We also look at the coffeehouse as a chance to reach out to people who have never met a real Christian."

The Well hopes to finance itself through the sale of soft drinks, sandwiches and will also sell psychedelic Jesus posters, periodicals and books aimed at young people. "At first, we'll just pass a hat to pay the groups that play," said Withrow. "Anything left over will go to the Mission and Freedom House."

Rev. John Willock, executive director of the Mission, issued an invitation to all university students who would like to help out on the Mission's hot line, to contact the Light House Mission or Freedom House.

Light House Mission is an agency of the United Fund.

by Ron Holdaway

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Gov. Otis Bowen To Address Light House Mission Dinner

Light House Mission

S May 13 1979

More than 900 persons are expected to attend the Light House Mission fund raising dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Hulman Civic University Center when Governor Otis Bowen will be the guest speaker.

Rev. John Willock, executive director, said the program will include music by the Crusader Quartet, local group directed by George Johnson, and greetings from the Rev. Lloyd Lambert. He is director of the Christian Center, Anderson, and secretary of the International Union of Gospel Missions. Lambert will represent the latter group and bring greetings from the missions throughout the world.

Willock said the mission's 1980 budget will be $74,000. In addition to the proceeds from the dinner, $7,000 is anticipated in continuing individual pledges for next year; $8,000 in organizational pledges; $8,000 in non-pledge gifts; $12,000 from program fees and $20,000 from the mission store. The executive director said perhaps $24,000 will be realized from the dinner from ticket purchases and possible additional pledges. Approximately $15 of each ticket will go to next year's mission budget, Willock said.

He commented that Governor Bowen lived at the Wheeler Rescue Mission while a medical student in Indianapolis.

The mission, established Dec. 14, 1890, as the Westside Mission, withdrew last year from the Wabash Valley United Way.

GOV. OTIS BOWEN

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Funding becoming a problem

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Funding for services at the Light House Mission Inc. has become a problem in the past few years.

The bulk of financial support now comes from 30 churches and concerned and caring individuals, the Rev. Anthony Walden, executive director, said.

The 60-day shelter is expensive to operate. The necessity for the program stems in part from the mountain of paperwork that must be completed before funds are available to clients. In order to receive food stamps, to qualify for Section 8 housing, to receive a Social Security card, the destitute must fill out forms and apply to various government agencies. Then they must wait.

Until the food stamps, the first paycheck, the awaited funds arrive, the clients need a safe place to sleep, hot food to eat and people who care. They also need an address to use when filing for assistance.

Sometimes the wait is longer than 60 days.

Walden noted that until a few years ago, clients were housed in the mission "as long as it took for them to get back on their feet."

That program was curtailed because of funding problems.

During that program, the mission had a 60-bed capacity. "We tore down four of the nine buildings we owned," Walden explained. "We cut our housing in half, all because of a lack of funds. But the demand for housing has not decreased."

At one time the mission held federal and state contracts to house and work with certain types of people: prison inmates and juvenile delinquents.

"We don't have those contracts now," Walden said.

The mission's original charter calls for spiritual guidance, along with assistance for the destitute. "If we accept federal money, we can't preach the gospel in that portion of the program," Walden explained.

Two senior citizens employed at the mission (a cook and a driver) through a federally-funded program, "can't be involved in any religious aspect of work here," he added.

Walden isn't sure why community support has declined. He speculates that some people are not aware of the mission. "I would rather hear that they don't know about us, than hear that they have forgotten about us or just are tired of us," he said.

"All of the agencies, the police and the city know where to send people for shelter. They just don't know where to send the money.

"I would love to say, 'Hallelujah! There are no problems!' But there is a 365-day need in Terre Haute."

Walden asks, "What would the city do if only the 24-hour shelter was available here? Someone will have to provide shelter. What would you do with these people?"

Walden added, "Everything is paid for here. We don't have a debt.

"We need $3,000 more dollars each month to go with what is already coming in. Then we can do the job with the 30-bed capacity. How simple it is to take care of the mission."

The mission does not receive funding through the United Way of the Wabash Valley.

Five staff members assist Walden in the operation of the mission. The staff includes a food supervisor, a front office manager, a night manager, a day manager and a coordinator. — **Penny Blaker Mitchell**

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'way to go'

Light House Mission

Populated with those who have 'long

Charities (WV) TS NOV 17 1985 Community Affair

By Penny Blaker Mitchell
Tribune-Star Living Editor

The moment you step inside the door, you sense that this place is unlike any other place.

Pictures of Jesus, posters, signs and photographs line the blue-painted walls.

The people working in this place are friendly, smiling, but there is a sense of urgency, of deeds yet undone, of time rushing by too quickly.

On this Tuesday afternoon, three women — members of the auxiliary — are sorting and preparing Thanksgiving decorations at a corner table in the dining hall.

In the waiting area, two women share whispered conversation as they linger to talk with the receptionist. A man sleeps in the corner of a low, worn couch near the front door. He is snoring. The waiting women exchange shy smiles as they listen to the loud and constant sounds.

When the young receptionist steps into the waiting area, she touches the man on the shoulder and softly says his name. He awakens, stands and stumbles. His trousers are baggy; the stubble of his beard is several days old. Standing, he seems younger than he appeared to be in sleep.

A shiny blue car stops in front of the glass front doors. The driver, a man with gray hair, steps from the car and enters the mission. He is carrying a box of laundry detergent under one arm.

"If you have strong backs," he announces, "I have more things in the car."

The Rev. Anthony Walden strides forward to greet the man. "I have a strong back," he says and hastens to the car with the man. He carries the cardboard boxes filled with food into a square room near the dining room.

Stacks of canned foods and boxes of macaroni and cheese and cake mixes are stacked in the room. Still, the room is nearly barren. "This is our Thanksgiving room," the Rev. Walden explains. "As you can see we have a long way to go."

His words are appropriate. For this place — the Light House Mission Inc. — is populated with people who have "a long way to go."

And so Walden wanders into the chapel, stepping through the November sunshine filtering through the huge windows, and settles in a pale green chair at a small table in the corner. He collects papers, statistics and albums filled with pictures. Then he talks about the mission.

Thousands in need of services

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The need for the services provided by the Light House Mission Inc. has not changed much since its beginning in 1890.

At that time, the mission served drifters who wandered into town searching for new beginnings in new places. Many had nothing and knew no one. They needed a place to stay, food to eat.

Today, the mission still serves those who have nothing. Some are "drifters." Others are residents of Terre Haute and surrounding communities, displaced because of loss of jobs, health problems, handicaps, abuse or "bad luck."

All need, according to the Rev. Anthony Walden, executive director of the mission, "what it takes to start over."

In 1984, 11,455 homeless men, women and children sought housing through the mission's shelters. In 1984 there were 25,948 free meals served at the mission.

Walden said the mission serves pregnant women with no place to go, victims of accidents, families whose homes have burned, the elderly, the confused, alcoholics, drug addicts, criminals, victims of rape and, occasionally, victims of abuse, although since the Council on Domestic Abuse Family Shelter opened, abuse victims are taken to that shelter.

"These people are a community problem." Walden said. "I would much rather see them at this door asking for help, than at your door or your neighbor's door."

Walden said some people can't stay at the mission. "We can't take care of everything," he explained, "because of the other people — the women and children — staying here.

"If a drunk appears at the door in the middle of the night, we will call the Detoxification Center and have him transported there.

"After he is out of detox, when he is sober and knows his own name and we can talk to him, we will ask him what he wants to do. If he still has no place to stay and is willing to abide by the rules, then we will help him."

People who refuse to agree to the rules, policies and procedures of the Light House Mission Inc. are turned away.

The purpose of the mission has not changed since it was founded in 1890, when Terre Haute was part of the "new country" and people drifted into town, searching for new beginnings.

Just as it did in 1890, the mission provides assistance and care for the destitute — the men, women and children who have nothing. It provides temporary housing (with a 30-bed capacity) and operates a job placement program. Through preaching and church services, it also "uplifts," Walden said.

"We house men, women and children who have nothing. The people who stay here want to start over. They want something out of life. They want another chance at life. They lost control of their living situation and now they have to go somewhere and they have to have someone to turn to," Walden said.

"These people can do for themselves ... with support. They are human beings with rights. They are here because they *want* to be here and because they want to change. Regardless of their mistakes, with the proper equipment, space and shelter to sustain them and with guidance and love, they can be stimulated to be successful."

The programs at the mission are broken into four categories: spiritual, outreach, a 60-day shelter program and a 24-hour shelter program.

"We get into every part of their lives," Walden noted.

The chapel, dining hall and offices are located at 1200 Eagle Street. Four other buildings form the complex and provide shelter for the homeless. The mission is the only shelter for the destitute within a 100-mile radius of Terre Haute.

Through the 24-hour program, the destitute may take a look at the mission's program and decide whether or not they want to participate. "We never close for this program," Walden said. "We are open 24 hours a day."

Transients passing through the city are referred to the mission. Walden explained, "Some are just on the road without money, traveling from mission to mission to get to their destination. They need a hot meal, a bath, a place to rest, maybe some clothes, maybe a bus ticket.

"Some are the people no one else wants — the veterans, the handicapped — socially or

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mentally."

It is the people participating in the 60-day recovery program that Walden and his staff are able to "stimulate, motivate and direct ... We furnish the things they need to advance. We help them look for work. We help them with whatever they want to do that's legal and righteous ... They are closely monitored."

Walden relates the rules to each client in the beginning. "We explain that they have a responsibility to themselves, to the program and to the organization.

"We live, sleep, eat and work together. We help one another. Nothing is free," Walden noted, "They earn their keep."

The goal is for the men and women to "become accountable."

Walden smiled. "You know, it is a lot like they are suddenly right back, face to face, with mom and dad and paying the consequences for not making their bed.

"We tell them if they choose to be con artists or cheats that is their choice, so don't blame society.

"Everything about a person will show up in 60 days. We see things that they can't see themselves.

"The ones who don't want to advance, won't stay," he added.

The outreach phase of the mission's program deals with free services for the community. "Everything here is free," Walden said.

He counted off the programs: clothing and food distribution, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas toys for children, referrals, casework, advocacy, education and counseling — Biblical only.

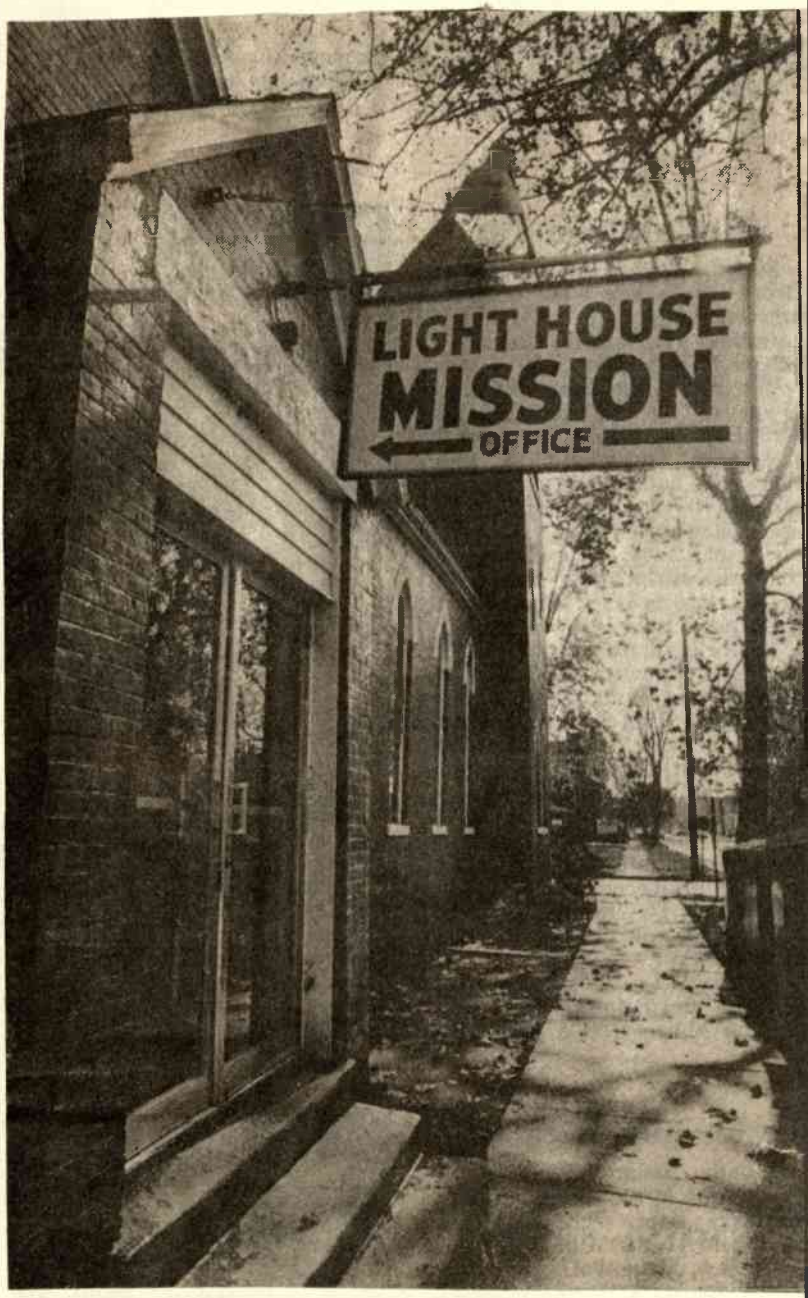
Walden leans forward, rests his elbows on the table and extends his arms. His words are firm. "The emphasis here is on the word of God."

All denominations, all religious beliefs are accepted at the mission. Residents are encouraged to attend the church of their choice.

For those who have no church, worship services are conducted each evening and each Sunday morning in the mission. Those who want to also may attend Bible study classes. Walden said, "We use the scripture to talk about problems and feelings. We look at what God says in the scripture and we look at what the professionals say.

"The word of God can shape up a life," he said. "It can work. I have seen it work."

Walden believes the work at the mission is effective. "I've seen thousands who have changed and gotten back into control. Of course, there are others who will never change, who always will take what the system has to offer."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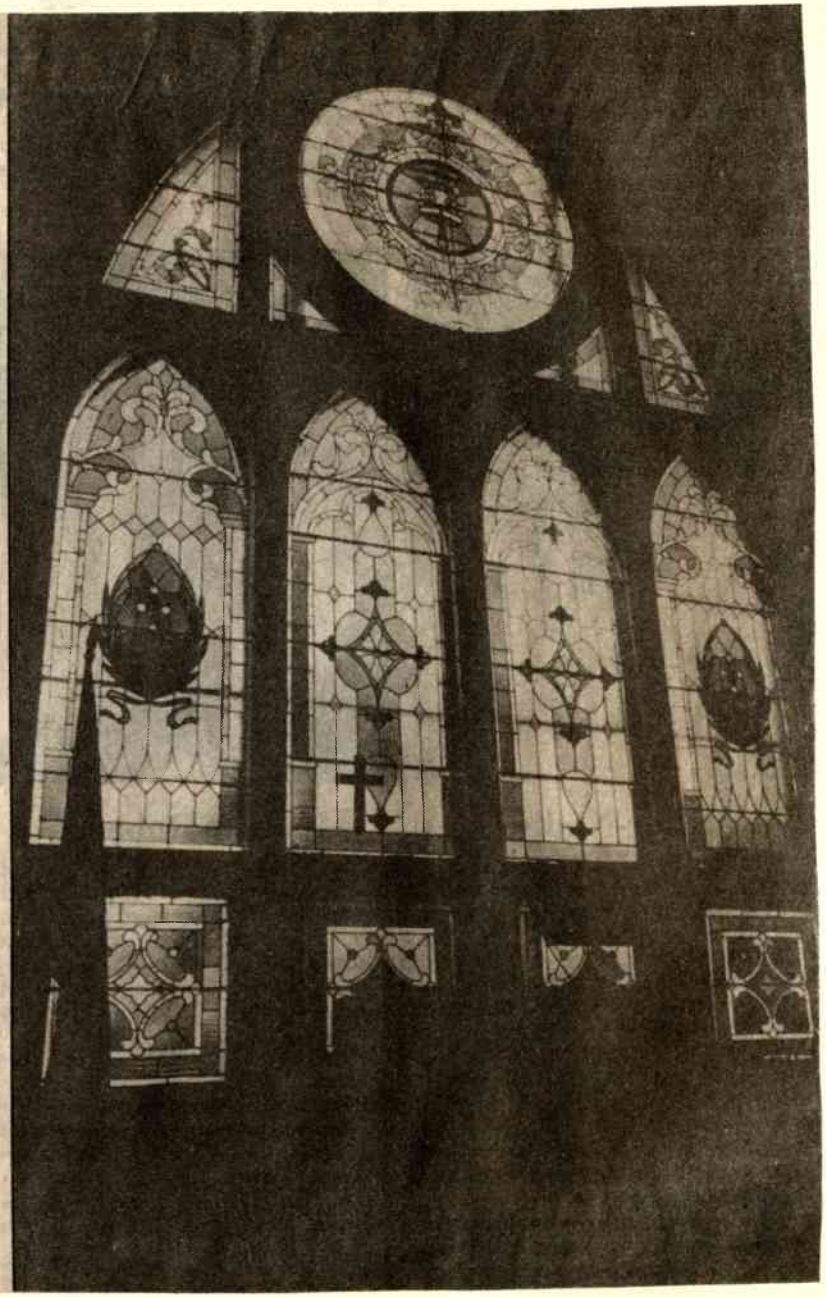

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Welcome

November sunshine filters through the stained-glass windows in the chapel in the Light House Mission, 1200 Eagle St. The mission has offered shelter, food, hope and spiritual guidance to the destitute of the community since 1890.

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Mission withdraws from United Way

Light House Mission

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By PATRICK J. BARNES
Tribune Staff Writer

One of the oldest community service agencies, the Light House Mission, 1200 Eagle St., has announced it will withdraw from the United Way effective Jan. 1, 1979.

During a joint news conference Wednesday afternoon at the mission, representatives of the Mission and the United Way announced the withdrawl.

The Rev. John Willock, executive director of the mission for the past 10 years, said the board of directors "after careful consideration" voted to withdraw.

United Way officials had received a letter from the Mission's board president, Jimmie Kline, announcing the decision prior to the public statement.

Several months ago Willock announced the Mission would phase out its membership with the UW over the next five-year period.

Willock said Wednesday that officials from both agencies agreed the "phasing out" program would be a "difficult transition," and therefore the mission's board voted to withdraw the beginning of next year.

Willock's statement went on to say that the mission was leaving the UW "with a feeling of appreciation" and will work with the UW in any effort that is mutually beneficial.

Ronald Stephenson, executive director of the UW, wished the board and mission staff "every success." He also announced the mission would continue to be funded by the UW the remainder of this year.

The mission has been allocated a total of $24,213.08 for this year.

Responding to questions concerning future revenues at the mission, Willock said plans call for providing a counseling service within the next 30 days and hopefully by mid-summer, construction can begin on a multipurpose building to house the mission, church, store and quarters for transients.

The present church site will be converted into a park.

In addition to accepting the withdrawal of the Light House Mission, the UW board of directors announced that Jerry Stagg, a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 157, has been appointed to the board the resignation of James Strange.

Also, the UW professional staff has recommended a fund drive goal of $825,000 or about 10 per cent more than was raised during the last campaign.

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Mission Leaves UW Group

Light House Mission?

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By GLADYS SELTZER
Star Staff Writer

Light House Mission, a United Way agency since the latter was organized and an original member of the earlier Community Chest, will withdraw its membership from the United Way of the Wabash Valley effective next January.

The action was accepted "with regret" during the United Way board meeting Tuesday night at Salvation Army headquarters.

The United Way board received a letter from James Kline, Mission board president, announcing the decision, according to a report of the meeting from Jack Keating, associate executive director of the United Way. He said the motion to accept with regret was adopted unanimously and added United Way funding for the Mission will continue for the remainder of 1978. The Mission was allocated $24,213.08 for this year.

During a press conference Wednesday afternoon at the Mission, 12th and Eagle Streets, Rev. John Willock, executive director, said his board, after careful consideration, voted March 6 to withdraw. Originally, the Mission had considered phasing out membership over a five-year period. Rev. Willock said both groups agreed this would be a "difficult transition."

Rev. Willock's statement said the Mission left the United Way "with a feeling of appreciation" for the latter's support and will work with the United Way "in any cooperation that is mutually beneficial."

Ronald Stephenson, executive director of the United Way who attended the press conference, wished the board and Mission staff "every success" on behalf of the United Way.

Asked about sources of future funding, Rev. Willock said it was "just a matter of people interested in what we're doing providing a little more." He said there were plans to open a counseling service within the next month for all those who sought help regardless of ability to pay, and to begin construction this summer of a building to house the Mission church, store and quarters for transients. The present church site would be made into a park.

In other United Way business, Keating said Marc Beeson was named treasurer of the United Way and succeeds Mrs. Norma Logan who resigned to accept a professional position as division director of the West Central Division of the Indiana Affiliate of the American Heart Association. She assumed her new duties April 1.

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Mission impossible: Not when it comes to opening a kind heart

Light comes from within for the needy at Mission

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By Penny Blaker Mitchell
Tribune-Star Columnist

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It's not much to look at. Red paint covers the exterior of the main building, but it doesn't hide the defects wrought by weather and by time. The buildings in the complex are old. The buildings need repairs.

But physical appearances never have been the concern at the Light House Mission. At the mission, it's what's inside that counts.

"Everything here is centered around the chapel," said the Rev. Ruth Harbour, acting executive director of the mission. "All of the programs are to draft people to Jesus."

The people who go there are homeless. They are hungry. They are poor. Frequently, they are not educated. Often, they are without jobs. And, for many, the poverty extends far beyond the lack of jobs, food, clothing and shelter and reaches into the spirit, the soul.

"We have three separate programs," Harbour explained. "The transient program provides overnight lodging for people who are on their way someplace else, people who are passing through town. Street people. We give them a meal and a shower and a place to sleep.

"We also have a giveaway program. We serve three meals each day to anyone who comes to the mission. We also give clothing to those who need it," she said. People are asked to come to one chapel service during the week they receive help.

HARBOUR

Between 25 and 30 people are fed breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, she said. "We always have much lower numbers in summer than in winter," she added. "In summer, people sleep under bridges and in parks."

The third program, known as the resident program, spans 60 days. "Most of the people who come here are troubled, in crisis. We try to help them get their lives started again. We help them find a job and a place to live."

The mission also coordinates the distribution of food baskets for Thanksgiving and the distribution of toys for Christmas.

Harbour and her assistant, the Rev. Sandi Beaman, conduct morning devotions in the chapel and preach some evening worship services. "We lead the Bible study, we offer counseling and we make sure all are doing their jobs, that things are running smoothly," she explained.

Seven people, including Harbour and Beaman, are paid employees. "The day manager oversees the work done by the men who are residents. They cut grass, rake leaves, clean gutters . . . The food service manager takes care of the meals. The outreach manager oversees the clothing and helps women get food stamps, welfare, government housing . . . The front office manager keeps the records and answers the telephone, and the night manager is on duty from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m."

Harbour grew up in Terre Haute and studied education at Indiana State University. Her interest in religion goes back to childhood.

"I was saved when I was 9," she said. "My dad was a minister and I had grown up in the church. I always had a desire to help people. The Lord called me to the ministry about six years ago. My license is through Bible-Way Fellowship, which does not require Bible-school training.

"Sandi was ordained through Bible-Way Fellowship, too," Harbour said. "She does not have a college background, but she has been interested in missionary work all of her life. She has a very caring heart."

Harbour was asked to be a member of the mission's board about two years ago. She worked as the Rev. Anthony Walden's assistant about 3½ months before she was named acting director in July.

The directors hope to hire a new executive director in about two months, she said. Her husband, William Harbour, is president of the 17-member board.

The mission depends on donations from churches, individuals and businesses, Harbour said. While she isn't sure what the budget and hoped-for income are each year, she knows that faith helps.

"We eat what is donated," Harbour said, "and sometimes the shelves get to looking pretty bare. The only things we buy are sugar and coffee. When we start to run out of something, it comes in the door. If the cook says we are getting low on something, I tell her that we'd better start praying about that."

Harbour sees the mission as an important part of the community "because of the things that are happening in society and in our area — the economy, the unemployment" which creates new poor.

"There needs to be an agency to serve them with love. We help with the physical, emotional and spiritual problems so they can reach out to the Lord . . . That's why we're here . . ."

She sees a need for education or re-education so people will have job skills. "We need training — job training — because not everyone can afford to go to Ivy Tech or Indiana State. And, grants are limited," she said.

Volunteers are welcome — and needed, she said.

"Come and see if you want to know what goes on here," she invited the public. "See what God's doing. He's changing people's lives and it's exciting to see it happen."

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Indianapolis man named to Light

Charities (WV)

By Penny Blaker Mitchell
Tribune-Star columnist

The Rev. Richard E. Conners of Indianapolis has been hired to manage the Light House Mission at 12th and Eagle streets.

"I believe he is dedicated to mission service," James Kline, president of the board of directors of the Light House Mission, said.

Saturday, when Conners and his wife, Anna, toured the mission, he said he expects to report for work within 30 days.

Conners has been affiliated with Wheeler Rescue Mission in Indianapolis for 7½ years and has worked as director of men's services there.

Conners said he is excited about the move to Terre Haute. "I think things will move forward. And perhaps we will see some new facilities here at the mission.

"I like people and I like helping people," he added. "I just want to do the Lord's work."

Conners said the need for missions is growing.

"We are seeing more families who are homeless or who are marginally homeless," he said. "We also need to be involved in the crises in our society — such as AIDS and homosexuality ... We must address these issues, too."

Anna Conners has worked as a volunteer with children in first, second and third grades at the mission. She and her husband are the parents of four children. They have four grandchildren.

Conners was hired at a meeting of the mission's board of directors Thursday evening. The announcement was followed Friday morning by the resignation of the Rev. Ruth Harbour, who was named acting executive director when the Rev. Anthony Walden left the mission in July.

In a move to save money, Kline said, the board of directors asked for the resignation of the Rev. Sandi Beaman, who had worked as Harbour's assistant.

Harbour's husband, William, resigned as president of the board at the meeting Thursday, before Conners was hired. Kline said William Harbour resigned because of a "conflict of interests," and that the issue had been discussed at earlier board meetings. Kline explained that the conflict of interests was discussed because William Harbour was a volunteer member of the board, while his wife, as acting executive director, was a paid employee.

During a telephone interview Monday evening, Harbour said he believed Conners will do "a fine job. I wish him and the board well. I just felt they needed leadership I could no longer give because of job-related obligations. I felt I had done all I could do."

Harbour added that resigning from the board was something he should have done in July when his wife was named acting director of the mission.

Harbour, a board member six years, said his term of office would have expired at the end of the year and that he hadn't planned to seek another term of office.

"Resigning was a hard thing for me to do," he said. "I love the mission dearly. I want to see the mission succeed and I will continue to support it."

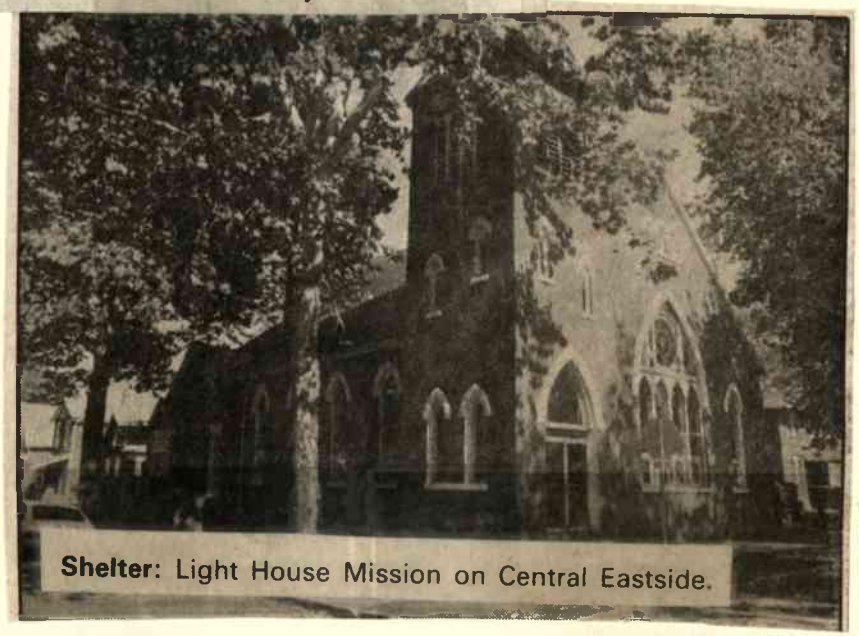
Betsy Zaleski, a paid staff member at the mission, will serve as interim leader.

Kline said Zaleski was the only paid staff member who remained at the mission when Harbour announced her resignation.

"Betsy and her children will step in until Richard Conners arrives," Kline said. "And we [board members] will stop by occasionally, too."

Kline said the mission will continue to function as usual.

The mission provides shelter for homeless people and maintains a 60-day resident program for people in crisis. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served each day.



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MISSION AUXILIARY — The Lighthouse Mission, 1410 Eagle St., recently formed a new auxiliary. Attending the first meeting were from left, Mrs. William Walker, board of directors; Mrs. Tod Jorritsma, wife of board member; Mrs. Richard Egly, volunteer; and Mrs. Allen Asay, chairman until permanent officers are elected. House of Photography Photo.

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Mission to Mark 60th Anniversary

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In observance of its sixtieth anniversary, the Light House Mission, 119 Ohio Street, will hold an open house from 1 until 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The mission is a project of the Terre Haute Ministerial Association.

A special service will be held at 2 o'clock with Leonard Hunt, president of the Chicago district, International Union of Gospel Missions, the speaker.

First services were held at the mission on Sunday, Dec. 14. 1890. It has a continuous record of service since that time.

In 1950 a total of 11,370 attended 156 mission services and 3,690 were present at 52 Sunday School meetings. Four thousand eight hundred sixty-four attended Sunshine Circle meetings and 1,097 gathered in 59 young people's meeting. Sixty-three outside meetings were held and 191 members were admitted to the church.

The Rev. A. S. Dodgson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, a member of the board of managers of the missions reported that during the past year, 50 Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were distributed, as well as 30 dozen Easter eggs. An undetermined amount of food, fruit and vegetables was presented to needy families.

A total of 9,815 garments, 580 pairs of shoes, 1,551 household articles, 201 pieces of furniture, and 3,613 free nights of lodging were provided for needy men.

J. T. Voight is superintendent of the mission. Officers include the Rev. George Mitchell, president; Robert J. McPeak, vice president; Herman E. Halberstadt, secretary; Robert M. McConchie, treasurer; George Fick, William Taylor Tichenor, Henry Yates and C. B. Coldwell.

The board of managers is composed of Rev. S. E. Carruth, William LeRoy White, Judge H. DeWitt Owen, L. R. Hilary, J. Calvin Fink, the Rev. J. W. Davis, the Rev. A. S. Dodgson and A. L. Fischer.

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DAMAGED LIGHTHOUSE—Fire did an estimated $1,500 worth of damage to the Lighthouse Mission complex on N. 12th St. over the weekend. New quarters and laundry facilities will have to be found until repairs and replacement can be effected, according to a Mission spokesman. Inspecting the damage are Rev. John Willock, mission director, and a Terre Haute Fire Dept. official.

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LIGHT HOUSE MISSION OPENS STORE A store offering used clothing, toys, appliances and miscellaneous items has been opened by the Light House Mission at 1124 Eagle St. Pictured Thursday during the opening festivities are, left to right, the Rev John Willock, executive director Gladys Elkins, store sorter Carol Winn, assistant store sorter, and Louis Deos the industrial supervisor The store will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and proceeds will be used to serve the community (Photo by Kadel)

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Walden committed to beliefs

Charities (WV) — Light House Mission

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By Penny Blaker Mitchell
Tribune-Star Columnist

The Rev. Anthony Walden, former executive director of the Light House Mission, has a message for the community.

WALDEN

"There is no scandal," he said during an interview Tuesday evening. "They [the mission's board of directors] are within their rights. I'm sorry it had to end this way . . . I wasn't through.

"I am committed to what I am doing and I believe in what I am doing. Sharing with the suffering and the poor of humanity that there is another side of life that's not all bad . . ."

After the board met July 11, Walden said, they told him they were terminating his employment so they could find new leadership for the mission.

"They told me to turn in my keys," he said. "I received my paycheck and severance pay for 30 days. They also gave me 30 days to vacate the parsonage.

"The board members said they wanted a change of leadership. They didn't give me a specific reason. They acted within their rights," he said.

"If there was something wrong — really wrong — I'd tell the people. I'd feel obligated to tell the people . . . I'm proud of these people and the opportunity they gave me to help them. They trusted me. They confided in me and they shared."

The Light House Mission provides shelter, food and clothing for poor and homeless men, women and children.

Walden, 37, began working at the mission as a bookkeeper. He was assistant director for awhile and was appointed executive director May 21, 1980.

"I want to reassure the people of the community that the board of directors are accountable for the funds and all funds are accounted for from the community," Walden said. "I didn't handle the money."

He smiled when he talked about the mission's budget. "The mission operates on a 'faith budget.' We set a budget and worked from there. The community has taken care of the needs as they arise. When we went to the media and said that we needed funds, the community responded."

Noting that about 100 churches and many individuals and businesses support the mission, Walden believes the community will continue to provide support. "The need for the mission is increasing," he said. "And with more federal and state cuts, it will continue to increase."

Walden and his wife and three daughters plan to remain in Terre Haute. "This is my home," he said. "I plan to work in this community. I haven't done anything wrong as far as my job is concerned.

"I am thankful for the education I received and for the people I met. Very thankful. I have been active in the community and I intend to stay that way. I still want to 'Save the Mission,'" he added, referring to the campaign to raise funds to build a new facility.

Walden hopes to find work in the community and is considering establishing an office at 1443 S. 13½ St. "I am ordained and licensed to preach the gospel," he said. "I have no ill feelings. I just want to try to destroy the rumors."

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Light House shows the way

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By Penny Blaker Mitchell
Tribune-Star Living Editor

"What can I say?" the Rev. Anthony Walden asked. "It's winter time!"

As director of the Light House Mission at 12th and Eagle Streets, the Rev. Walden knows that for many people in the Wabash Valley, winter means just one thing: hardship.

And while even the poor occasionally see the glittering beauty of snow, most often they only see the relentless cold.

The Light House Mission, with a capacity for sheltering a total of 30 people, is the only facility of its kind within a 100-mile radius of Terre Haute. "We are running out of room for people to stay," the Rev. Walden said Tuesday, the first really cold day so far this autumn. "I really see no difference. It is the same every year. The people who come here basically are unemployed. We have individuals and we have families. Right now we have room for one more family.

"I haven't had to turn anyone away yet. But the people know, and when it starts getting cold they come here."

Breakfast, lunch and an evening meal are served at the mission seven days a week. The hungry in the community are welcome.

"The number of people eating here is slowing down because of the cold," the Rev. Walden said. "When the weather gets bad many people can't walk very far. We have been serving 100 people a day."

All of the food served at the mission is donated. Volunteers prepare and serve the meals. In fact, according to the Rev. Walden, everything at the mission is donated — money for maintenance, supplies, food, clothing. "And its free to the people who need it. There are no charges," he added.

"The Light House Mission has been in Terre Haute since 1890," the tall, thin man continued. "The mission is solvent — everything is paid for. People know that the money and the donations they give to the mission will help the people who need help."

He noted that the mission is "home" to the people who seek temporary shelter under its roof. "We become the source of the necessary needs every person has," he explained. "We are a source of food, clothing and shelter. You have to have those things before you can take one more step toward improving your situation."

For the unemployed and the homeless, the mission becomes a base of operation, a place where they can stay clean, where they can receive a piece of paper, a pen and a postage stamp and write a letter, a place where they can make a long distance telephone call to a relative or a prospective employer. "Each person is unique and has a different set of needs," the Rev. Walden explained. "Whatever we can do to get him started again, we do."

Noting that most of the people at the shelter are unemployed, the Rev. Walden contends that unemployment is still a big problem in Terre Haute and the cause of a lot of the homelessness.

But he has high praise for the people of Terre Haute who have maintained and supported the mission since its inception. "I believe in the community and the city," he said. "They have been caring for the poor for a long, long time.

"There is enough food and enough money to go around if all of the people and organizations help. A little from everyone adds up," he noted. "There is a good strong group of people in this city who care about people and the mission."

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Light House Mission opens drive for new building with mailing

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An effort to raise $1.2 million for a new building to house the Light House Mission was begun Wednesday with the mailing of 25,721 letters asking for support of the mission.

Mission Director Anthony Walden said the letters contained an explanation of the mission's needs, a site plan of the proposed building and a prepaid postage envelope.

The fund-raising campaign has been dubbed "Save the Mission" by Walden.

"Since we announced the plan to build a new building earlier this month, we have received two checks for $100 and a $10,000 gift from a donor who wished to remain anonymous," Walden said. "We do not plan to apply for any type of grant to help in this project.

"The mailing was from a list of friends, associates and supporters of the mission that was compiled over the past year," Walden said. "We sent the mailing to a five-county area that included Parke, Clay, Vermillion, Putnam and Vigo counties."

Walden said he hasn't any plans to apply for grant money "because we would like to see this as a community project built by the community."

He stressed that those who would like to make a contribution to the effort should specify the money is for the "Save the Mission" fund.

The 20,000-square-foot building will house more than 100 people at any one time and will be built across the street from the present mission at 12th and Eagle streets.

The facility would have 88 beds for homeless and transient people, compared to the 30 beds the present mission has.

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Light House Mission Will Phase Out Of UW Over Five Years

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Light House Mission board of directors announced Monday that the Mission during the next five years would attempt to reach financial independence from Wabash Valley United Way support by reducing each year by $5,000.00 the Mission's request for United Way funds.

Beginning next year, the Mission would request 20 precent less than its present allocation of $24,213.08. The Rev. John Willock, executive director, said he had discussed the matter with Ron Stephenson, United Way executive director, and informed the United Way board as to the action. The Mission board has asked for discussion of the resolution with the United Way board.

The announcement was made by Willock and James Kline, newly elected president of the Mission board. Kline pointed out that the Mission, "serving the lost, the least," had support necessary from the United Way for growth and now it was "necessary to see if the Mission can walk on its own."

The resolution of the board stated that the Mission is a "sacred organization" and the United Way a "secular" one, and declared further that it was the "hope and prayer of the Mission that additional support from the religious community and revenue generated from existing programs will allow for achievement" of the goal of financial independence.

Rev. Willock said the Mission aleady has support from some churches. He indicated that the Mission newsletter will continue to be sent to the churches but fund raising will have to be done under United Way policies. The director added that he hoped "we will never have to conduct a fund campaign and that the community will support us." Last year, the Mission took in $112,000.00 and spent $104,000.00.

Stephenson in comment to The Star said he and Rev. Willock had discussed the" possibility of the resolution" and that the latter outlined how funds would be sought should the Mission board choose to "withdraw or gradually phase out United Way support."

Stephenson added that the principal reason for the United Way association with Mission over the years was to provide "some very specific financial assistance and direct service programs for families in need." He also stated that there are three other agencies currently in the "United Way package" which provide "practically identical services to those being funded at the Mission."

The United Way board has met with the Mission, the Salvation Army and Catholic Social Ministries to "learn more about their programs," Stephenson added,and the "limitations of each agency" and still hopes to meet with the Red Cross group.

The Rev. Willock also announced during the press conference that the Mission expected to open soon, possibly next month, a "Holistic" counseling center in cooperation with a local Terre Haute doctor to be named at a later date. Rev. Willock, who has completed a master's degree in counseling, will do the spiritual and social counseling, he said.

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